

WHEREAS; while the conflict has its roots as far back as the 1800s, the Vietnam War as we know it began in the 1950s as a struggle between North Vietnam and its allies, and South Vietnam, supported by their own ally nations, including the United States; and

WHEREAS; the first American ground combat units arrived in Vietnam in March 1965, and the United States' involvement lasted until the capture of the city of Saigon by the North Vietnamese on April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS; more than 165,400 service members from Wisconsin bravely served the United States during the Vietnam War, and 1,239 Wisconsinites lost their lives while serving our country; and

WHEREAS; it is essential to acknowledge that thousands of Hmong-Lao people courageously fought alongside Americans throughout the Vietnam War, and that Wisconsin is home to a significant number of Hmong-Lao veterans who were forced to flee their native lands following the war's end; and

WHEREAS; in accordance with 2009 Wisconsin Act 36, March 29 of every year is designated as a day to express our state's deep gratitude for veterans of the Vietnam War and to thank them for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring the dedication, resilience, and selflessness of all individuals who bravely served our nation during the Vietnam War, as well as the sacrifices of their families and loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 29, 2022, as

## **VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

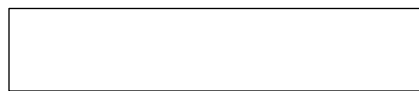
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State